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This is an announcement from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel for commercial herring fishermen in the Kuskokwim Area.

Nelson Island District

The Nelson Island District will open to commercial herring fishing effective 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2013 until 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Commercial herring gillnet gear is reduced to a length of 50 fathoms or less.

At this time no commercial harvest has been reported from the June 3 Nelson Island District commercial period.

A preseason projected biomass of 3,906 tons of herring has set the guideline harvest level (GHL) at 581 tons. Both herring and spawn were observed on the grounds during an aerial survey, which was flown on June 2, 2013. Due to adverse weather conditions a proper estimate of the herring was not obtainable. The GHL could potentially increase if a greater biomass is observed during subsequent aerial surveys. The ADF&G test fishing crew will be located in Toksook Bay.

ADF&G's fishery managers can be reached by calling Travis Elison at (907) 543-2709 and Aaron Tiernan at (907) 543-2331 in the Bethel office for Kuskokwim Bay, and Jeff Estensen (907) 459-7217 in the Fairbanks office for Cape Romanzof. Current fishery information will be available by calling the telephone recorder in Bethel at (907) 543-2598 or toll free at (855) 933-2433. Recordings will be updated as information becomes available. Fishery updates will also be available at the Commercial Fisheries website:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>

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